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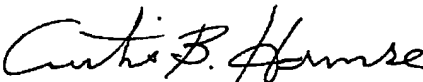
This communication is in response to the Official action dated November 19, 2004.

The Examiner rejected claims 4 and 8 under 35USC §112, second paragraph, as being an improper multiple dependent claim. Applicant directs the attention of the Examiner to the Preliminary Amendment of March 16, 2001, wherein claims 3, 4, and 8 were amended to remove multiple dependencies. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment is attached. Applicant requests the rejection be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance issued

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 3 (a), 3 (b), and 3 (c) are graphs showing distribution of light intensity in a main-scanning direction in a document-reading surface; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 32, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 4 (a) and 4 (b) are graphs showing spatial distribution of light intensity in a sub-scanning direction; --